(ख) नेपाल को भारत की सहायता नेपाल के तराई और पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों (उत्तरी पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों को छोड़कर) में समान रूप से दी गई है। नेपाल को भारत की सहायता पर 250 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक राशि खर्च की गई है जिसमें तकनीकी सहायता, प्रशिक्षण और जनशक्ति विकास पर खर्च शामिल नहीं है।

(ग) किसी अन्य देश की सहायता से नेपाल में क्रियान्वित योजनाओं की संख्या के बारे में आंकड़े भारत सरकार के पास नहीं हैं।

(घ) भारत कोसी नदी पर नेपाल में चल रही बहुत सी योजनाओं को क्रियान्वित कर रहा है जिनमें संतोषजनक रूप से प्रगति हो रही है। चीन की एक फर्म को कोसी नदी पर छत्रा नहर को नया रूप देने के लिए एक विश्व बैंक परियोजना दी गई है जिसका निर्माण भारतीय सहायता से किया गया था जो 1975 में पूरी की गई थी।

(ङ) उक्त परियोजना नेपाल ने विश्व बैंक की सहायता से शुरू की थी और इस परियोजना के लिए ठेकेदारों का चयन विश्व भर की निविदाओं के आधार पर किया गया था।

Bonded labour

1562. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of estimated bonded labourers in the country and how many of them have been rehabilitated as yet and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers is entirely the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. According to the latest reports received from the State Governments, the total number of bonded labourers identified and freed as on 31-12-1986 was 2,14,842 out of which 1,80,288 bonded labourers have been rehabilitated upto 8-2-1987.

With a view to supplementing the efforts of the State Governments, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labourers was launched by the Ministry of Labour in 1978-79 under which the State Governments are provided Central Financial assistance on matching grant (50 : 50) basis for the rehabilitation of bonded labourers. Under the Scheme assistance of Rs. 6,250/- (prior to 1-2-1986 the assistance was Rs. 4000/-) is given to a released bonded labour for his rehabilitation (to be shared on 50 : 50 basis between Central/State Governments). Till 31-3-87 a sum of Rs. 2598.91 lakhs has been released to the State Governments towards the Central share of assistance.

Construction of model villages along the Assam Bangladesh border

1563. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to create a series of model villages along the Assam-Bangladesh border where ex-Servicemen would be settled;

(b) whether such a proposal will also be considered in respect of the western border of the country; and

(c) what prorgess has been made to erect barbed wire fencing along the Assam-Bangladesh border to prevent infiltration and also to construct a road along the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Although there is no proposal as such to create a series of Model Villages along the Assam-Bangladesh or western border,